



## News Release

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### **City readies for Riverside Freeway closures**

**RIVERSIDE, Calif.** – Early morning drivers should plan for directional closures on the Riverside Freeway (SR-91) at La Sierra Avenue this weekend and Dec. 20-21. Closures will allow the installation of temporary bridge supports for construction of the remaining La Sierra Avenue bridge overpass.

- All westbound SR 91 lanes and eastbound SR-91 High-Occupancy Vehicle and No. 1 lanes will close Saturday morning, 12:01 through 6 a.m., and Sunday morning, 12:01 through 8 a.m.
- The following weekend, Dec. 20-21, all eastbound SR-91 lanes and westbound SR-91 HOV and No. 1 lanes will close Dec. 20, 12:01 through 6 a.m. and Dec. 21, 12:01 a.m. through 8 a.m.

During the closures, traffic will be detoured off the freeway onto the La Sierra Avenue exit and then immediately back onto 91 using the on-ramp. California Highway Patrol and Freeway Service Patrol will be there to assist and ease congestion.

La Sierra Avenue over the freeway will remain open during construction, although delays are expected. All businesses will remain accessible. Drivers should use alternate routes, such as Pierce, Magnolia or Tyler Streets, during the closures.

The \$38 million project will replace the La Sierra Avenue bridges over both the freeway and the railroad tracks with six-lane bridges to reduce traffic congestion. New dual left-turn lanes onto the freeway will make it easier for vehicles to access the 91, while ramps will be widened from two to three lanes.

The project is expected to be completed by the summer of 2009.

For more information, call the City of Riverside Public Works Department at (951) 826-5760.

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